

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_1397A  
Hidehiko SHIN et al. : **Confirmation No. 6998**  
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**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FOREIGN PRIORITY**  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants note that the present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119. The Examiner, however, has not acknowledged the claim for priority or acknowledged receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants kindly request that the Examiner acknowledges the claim for foreign priority and confirms that the certified copy of the priority document has been received (it is noted that the certified copy of the priority document is present in the image file wrapper of the present application.)

Respectfully submitted,

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